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SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MANAGERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION

FOR

THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

LOCATED IN PHILADELPHIA,

N. W. CORNER OF SCHUYLKILL THIRD AND SASSAFRAS STREETS.

MARCH 2, 1840.

PHILADELPHIA:



SEVENTH

ANNUAL MEETING

OF

THE CONTRIBUTORS.

At a meeting of the Contributors to the "Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind," held at the Hall of the American Philosophical Society, March 2nd, 1840,

John McAllister, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Dr. Kirkbride appointed Secretary.

The Annual Report of the Board of Managers, with the Accounts of the Treasurer, were read and accepted, and directed to be printed for the use of the Contributors. The meeting then proceeded to an election for officers for the ensuing year. Messrs. Dunn and Price, having been appointed Tellers, declared the following gentlemen unanimously elected:

OFFICERS

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

FOR 1840.

PRESIDENT.

JOHN VAUGHAN.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Nathan Dunn, John A. Brown, Edward Coleman, Benjamin W. Richards.

TREASURER.

Oliver Fuller.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

J. Francis Fisher.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

James W. Paul.

CONSULTING PHYSICIAN.

Charles D. Meigs, M. D.

VISITING PHYSICIANS.

Caspar Morris, M. D.

Thos. S. Kirkbride, M. D.

MANAGERS.

Richard Price, John U. Fraley, George Handy, Edward Pennington, John K. Kane, Robt. M. Patterson, A. G. Waterman, Wm. Ashbridge, Lewis R. Ashhurst, Franklin Peale, George Laws, T. Leaming Smith.

On motion, adjourned.

JOHN McALLISTER, CHAIRMAN.

Attest,—T. S. KIRKBRIDE, Secretary.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

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PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION

FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

In obedience to the requisitions of their Charter, the Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind present to the Contributors their Seventh Annual Report.

The number of pupils is fifty-four, and is numerically the same as at the time of the last Report.

H. Jewett Gray, of Virginia, and Sarah Miner, of Chester County, Pennsylvania, both pay pupils, have returned to the homes of their parents. William. H. Churchman, from Delaware, is now engaged in giving lessons in music on his own account, and William Graham, of Philadelphia County, has been appointed Instructor of music in the Virginia Institution for the Blind.

In each of these pupils the Institution has reason to be proud, and their teachers and the board, in restoring them to their friends, take occasion to express their entire approbation of them during their whole course. They carry a new happiness with them into their domestic circles—and the teacher we have sent to the blind in another State will do honour to the place of his education.

A fifth pupil, who was found imbecile, was returned to his parents.

The Institution has also lost, by death, Lewis Beaumont, of Philadelphia, the only pupil who has died within its walls. He was thirty years of age and chiefly employed in the manufacturing department, where he was industrious and useful. His loss is regretted for his amiable deportment and his kind and considerate attention to the younger pupils.

Five new pupils have been admitted during the year as will appear in the appended list, and as it will there be seen, there are at present forty-two from Pennsylvania, of whom forty-one are supported by the State; three from Delaware, four from New Jersey, four from Maryland; all supported by these States, and one pay pupil from South Carolina.

The progress in the various branches of learning, in music, and in the Mechanical Arts has been altogether satisfactory, and the discipline of the School has been creditable both to the teachers and to the pupils. It is preculiarly gratifying to the Managers that severity has never been found necessary, and punishments, even of the mildest kind, are rare; and it is the more remarkable as most of the pupils have been sent to them without any habits of industry or application, and many of them had arrived at a mature age without any instruction whatever. This gentle system of discipline owes its success in no small measure to him who established it, the excellent

Mr. Friedlander, who will be remembered with affectionate gratitude as long as this institution shall exist. Other opportunities having been taken to testify our grief and our high estimation of his virtues and talents, and a biographical notice by one of our board having been ordered to be printed, it only remains to say that we have taken means to supply his place and have every reason to be satisfied with the arrangement by which Dr. Rhoads is at the head of the Institution as Superintendent. Mr. Jones, is Assistant Teacher. RASCHÉ, Instructor of Music. Miss Nichols, Teacher of the Girls. Mrs. Rhoads, Matron. Mr. Meyer, Teacher of the Handicrafts, and Mr. HAVERSTEIN, his assistant; to all of whom the approbation of the Board is due for the zeal and fidelity with which their respective trusts have been fulfilled. The monthly exhibitions give evidence to our fellow citizens of the progressive improvement of the pupils, and their public concerts at the Museum have won high commendation for their musical attainments. In the Manual Labour department there has been a great improvement during the last year. The articles manufactured are now of a superior quality and their sales including what has been supplied for use in the Institution amount to one thousand five hundred and sixtythree dollars and sixty-three cents, which according to a calculation of the superintendent exceeds by nearly three hundred dollars the expense of that department.

The printing press has been less active than might have been desired, but cannot be charged with idleness, having besides the monthly publication of the Students' Magazine, completed since the last report, two large volumes of selections from standard authors, the conjugations of French verbs and some minor articles. Mr. Snider, who has charge of this department having invented a method of printing

music for the use of the pupils, is now engaged in preparing a collection of sacred music. The Institution has exchanged its publications with the blind school of Glasgow and has ordered the importation of a sufficient number of all the works from its press, as the same character is used in that institution and books are printed at a lower price than can be afforded here.

The Superintendent has also with great ingenuity contrived some maps for the Blind, which obviate many difficulties in imparting a knowledge of Geography, and he expects to obtain in the course of this year, diagrams and other machinery for the tangible illustration of Natural Philosophy.

There has been much sickness though not generally severe during the last year; but the devoted and efficient attentions of the Physicians, aided by the establishment of lodges for the sick, (connected with the main building, and where they can enjoy the benefits of quiet and retirement, incompatible with the activity and bustle incident to so numerous a family), have been happily successful, and good health now prevails in the Institution.

On the whole, the Institution has prospered in all its departments and the happiness and improvement of the pupils are still the reward of the benevolence which founded and continues to support it.

The accounts of the Treasurer will exhibit the state of its finances, shewing a balance in his hands of one hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty-six cents, making the actual expenditures in all the departments of the Institution, fourteen thousand three hundred and eighty-eight dollars and five cents, which includes six hundred dollars interest, on a bond due John Bohlen, Trustee, for ten thousand dollars. From this sum

too, nearly two thousand dollars are to be deducted, as the income derived from the printing, music and manufactory.

It is proper to state that from the next year's income must be repaid to the Permanent Fund the sum of four thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars and twenty-seven cents, besides one thousand six hundred and eighty-seven dollars, the proceeds of sales of real estate, these appropriations having been rendered necessary in order to release the rear of the lot of the mortgage before mentioned and to erect the lodges for the sick. This the Board will be enabled to do as the Executors of Mr. Birch, have within a few weeks delivered to the Institution the personal property of our benefactor.

The Board trusts that their fellow citizens will not be deterred from continuing their interest in the Institution from the belief that it has been rendered independent of their aid by the generosity of this gentleman. Owing to the character of its investment, his gift though munificent, is less productive than might have been anticipated from its amount, and will not enable the Board to meet the indispensable expenditures of the Institution unaided by the bounty of the Legislature and the benevolence of the individual contributors.

JOHN VAUGHAN, PRESIDENT.

T. Leaming Smith, Secretary. Philadelphia, March 2, 1840.

Oliver Fuller, Treasurer of the Pennsylvania DR.

1839.								
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Errors Excepted.

OLIVER FULLER, TREASURER.

Institution for the Instruction of the Blind. CR.

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By orders drawn by the Board, and chargeable	
follows, viz.	
1.—Salaries, \$4,845 97	
2.—School, 680 59	
3.—Manufacturing, 1,148 99	
4.—Printing, 968 37	
5.—Building, 582 43	
6.—Clothing, 474 68	
7.—Special, 2,566 64	
8.—Maintenance, 3,120 38	
	14,388
The items making the sum of \$2,566 64, char-	
ged as "Special" (7). are as follows, viz:	
Interest on Bond for \$ 10,000, - \$ 600 00	
Insurance, \$36 00, Maps, \$13 00, 49 00	
Monument for Mr. Friedlander, \$225 00,	
Model for Monument to Mr. Birch,	
\$20 00, 245 00	
Fuel, Coal, Wood, 511 32	
Furniture, including that for sick rooms, 196 23	
Expense for Virginia Institution, 38 38	
Windows and opening new doors. 143 95	
Printing and Binding Report, . 83 27	
Water Rent for two years, \$70, \$70	
and \$10, 150 00	
Order in favour of Miss Nichols, 100 00	
Tin and Queen's Ware, 59 40	
Sundry small items at the Institution, 390 09	
Balance	113 56
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\$14,501 61

Examined and found correct,
R. W. RICHARDS,
A. G. WATERMAN,
NATHAN DUNN,
Committee of Finance.

LIST OF PUPILS IN THE INSTITUTION,

MARCH 2ND, 1840.

NAME.	Where from.	$\mathbf{W}_{\mathbf{I}}$	HEN ADMITTED.
Abraham Marsh,	Philadelphia City,	1833.	March 25th.
Sarah Marsh,	do.		do.
Theodore Myers,	do.		do.
Mary Ann Mallett,	Philadelphia Count	y,	April 29th.
William Hatz,	Lancaster County,		June 3d.
Beniah Parvin,	Delaware State,		July 16th.
John B. Martindale,	Charleston, (S. C.)		Nov. 6th.
Richard Guyn,	Bucks County,		April 12th.
Mary E. Nuniviller,	Philadelphia Count	y,	May 12th.
Hannah Gillem,	Franklin County,		May 16th.
Hannah Newborough,	Chester County,		Lept. 6th.
Joseph Ramsey,	Philadelphia Count	y,	Nov. 15th,
Elizabeth Solomon,	Bucks County,	1835.	May 13th.
Philip Feterow,	York County,		Sept. 12th.
Mary E. Wiley,	Maryland State,		Sept. 8th.
Eli Wheelan,	Lancaster Co.,	1834.	June 24th.
Mary V. Roberts,	Philadelphia Co.,	1835.	Nov. 28th.
Rachel Laird,	Centre County,		April 22d.
Eliza A. Howell,	New Jersey State,	1836.	May 10th.
Jonathan Dyer,	Bucks County,		April 23d.
Nicholas Thompson,	Montgomery Coun	ty,	Sept. 6th,
Samuel Pyle,	Philadelphia City,		Nov. 1st.
James Buchanan.	Delaware State,		Nov. 12th.
Lydia Marsh,	Philadelphia City,	Nov. 18th.	
Matilda Hankins,	New Jersey State,	Nov. 23d.	

Elizabeth Adolph,	Philadelphia Co.,	1837.	Jan. 20th.
John Burris,	do.		Feb. 1st.
Sarah A. Dandy,	New Jersey State,		April 11th.
Charles Torrens,	Philadelphia Coun	April 13th.	
William Keim,	do.		do.
Patrick Kelly,	do.		April 22d.
Elizabeth A. Fennimore,	New Jersey State.		May 4th.
Maria Gill,	Philadelphia,		May 25th.
Samuel McGiffin,	Huntington Count	May 30th.	
Mary Donelly,	Philadelphia,	June 16th.	
Eliza Ann Haines,	Lancaster County	,	May,
John Robinson,	do		March 6th.
Henry Boycr,	Berks County,		Oct. 26th.
Marcia Finney,	Luzerne County,		Nov. 7th.
Jacob Berry,	Chester County,		Sept. 14th.
George Laws,	Philadelphia,	1838.	Jan. 2d.
Charles Kandel,	Schuylkill County	,	Jan. 5th.
Anne Fithian,	Bridgeton, N. J.		March 15th
Emma Westly,	Philadelphia,		April 16th.
John Shule,	Baltimore,		May 22d.
Rebecca E. Lafleur,	do		do.
Maria Jones,	Philadelphia,		June 20th.
Elvina Wasley,	do		Sept. 4th.
Hugh Coyle,	Pittsburg,		Nov. 3d.
Margaret Turner,	Baltimore,	1839.	March 12th.
Matthew Monaghan,	Erie, Pa.,		May 13th.
George Lafferty,	Philadelphia Coun	ty,	August 5th.
John Lawrence,	Salem County, N.	Sept. 17th.	
Andrew Seler,	Philadelphia City,		Nov. 23d.

ADMISSION OF PUPILS.

In every case of application for the admission of a pupil into this Institution, answers are to be given in writing to the questions contained in the printed form,* adopted by the Board of Managers. The applicant is then always examined by one of the Visiting Physicians, upon whose certificate being given that the case is one of ineurable blindness, and in other respects, suitable for the Institution,—the Committee make the necessary subsequent arrangements and issue their order for the reception of the individual as a pupil of the Institution. It is desirable that those entering the school, should not be less than seven nor more than sixteen years of age.

The Legislatures of the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and Maryland have made provision for the education of portions of the Indigent Blind, residing in their several States. Applicants for the bounty of either of the abovenamed Commonwealths, must conform to the requisitions and acts of their respective Legislatures, before they can be admitted.

For the information of applicants from a distance, the names and directions of the "Committee of Admission," and of the Visiting Physicians are appended.

COMMITTEE OF ADMISSION AND DISCHARGE.
EDWARD PENNINGTON, No. 96 South Fourth Street.
RICHARD PRICE, No. 133 Market Street.
WM. ASHBRIDGE, No. 321 Arch Street.

VISITING PHYSICIANS.

CASPAR MORRIS, M. D., Chesnut Street, near Broad. THOMAS S. KIRKBRIDE, M. D., No. 94 Arch Street.

^{*} This printed form for applicants for admission, and all other information relative thereto, will be given upon application, personally or by letter, (post paid) to either of the members of the "Committee of Admission and Discharge."

FORM OF A LEGACY.

I hereby give and bequeath unto The Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, located in Philadelphia, and their successors, forever, (if real estate) all that &c., (If personal) the sum of, &c.

All legacies and donations intended to promote the extension of the printing department, and to aid in supplying the indigent Blind with books, should specify that particular object.

Contributions and donations, will be received by the Treasurer, at No. 112 Market Street, or by either of the members of the Board of Managers.

BIOGRAPHICAL MEMOIR

OF

JULIUS R. FRIEDLANDER.

Written by Benjamin W. Richards, Esq., in compliance with a Resolution of the Board of Managers of the "Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind."

Julius R. Friedlander was born in Upper Silesia, in the year 1803, of Jewish parentage. He received instruction in a private school at Breslau; and in 1821, was sent to the Academy at Dresden. He afterwards repaired to Leipsic, for the benefits of the University of that city.—While at Leipsic, he entered the Christian church, became occupied in private tuition, and not long after appears to have directed his mind to a preparation for the object to which he subsequently devoted himself.

The principal occupation in which he appears to have been engaged, was that of Tutor and Instructor in the family of the Prince of Furstenberg, whose confidence and respect he seems to have entirely secured. Of the early life of Mr. Friedlander, no important incidents are known to the writer; and it is mainly with reference to his efficient and benevolent action since he came amongst us, that an attempt is made to record some memento of his merit. The effectual relief which he saw afforded to the apparently hopeless and helpless destitution of the blind, through the systems invented and adopted in Europe, seems to have concentrated the benevolent

impulses of Mr. Friedlander, and directed them to that class of sufferers, as demanding his peculiar solicitude and exertion. He therefore selected our country as unoccupied ground, and addressed himself to our city as the field upon which to develope his object, and execute his plans. It was as fortunate for the cause that impelled him hither, as it was creditable to himself, that he came with the single and exclusive design of establishing a School for the Instruction of the Blind.-His was not the spirit of the adventurer, nor did he adopt this scheme because he found other modes of occupation or of personal advancement difficult of access; but actuated by a true and practical philanthropy, he came to carry out a plan which he had carefully considered, maturely weighed, and deliberately determined on, before he left Europe.—Accordingly, he had visited many of the Institutions for the Blind in Europe, and resided for a considerable time in the School at Paris. He was therefore qualified for his undertaking, prepared to avail himself of all essential aids, and entitled to demand in advance, the confidence and reliance of those whose support was important to the cause. personal integrity, his intellectual attainments, his moral and social habits, and his direct preparation for the work, were all presented in proper relief at the outset. His position thus fortified, gave assurance of success, while it illustrated the character of the man, and the genuine nature of his philanthropy. There is an ephemeral and irregular sensibility, an hasty and unstable impulse of benevolence sometimes exhibited in similar undertakings, the result of which is too often a deep wound to the friends whom it has enlisted, and a fatal blow to the cause it has embarked in. His was happily a zeal guided by knowledge, and an ardour tempered by sound discretion. Accordingly, no attraction withdrew him for a

moment from his purpose, no obstacle dismayed him; nor did he falter because notoriety or celebrity did not attend his early efforts. He commenced with a single pupil; and in the seclusion of his own chamber, with admirable patience, he devoted laborious hours by day and night to his instruction. His success with this pupil was so rapid and so remarkable, as to attract the lively interest and animated support of those who witnessed it. From that moment, our venerable President, whose heart had been devoted to the object, triumphed in the conclusion that a school for the Blind was secured. Upon the opening of the school, this aptitude of Mr. Friedlander was evinced by the rapid improvement of the pupils, the exact discipline of the school, and the apparent contentment of all the inmates.—A rare excellence of this Teacher was, his quick apprehension of the characters and temperaments of his several pupils; to which he added an intelligent and discriminating sympathy with their peculiar embarrassments, and a patient and affectionate forbcarance. His authority was eminently that of affection, powerful and prevailing for all purposes of order and obedience; and rarely if ever calling to its aid, even the most moderate physical This spirit, the spirit of Christian charity, "which suffereth long and is kind," bore abundantly its happy fruits. He secured in a remarkable degree, the filial or fraternal confidence and attachment of all the pupils; and was enabled to exhibit a family, originally of rude, untutored and discordant members, animated by a pervading spirit of fraternal kindness, of cheerful sensibilities, and of striking intellectual activity. He has left the impress of his government upon the school; and those who would contrast the Pennsylvania Institution, with other similar Institutions, may mark, in addition to its scholastic merits, an active cheerfulness, a real contentment and a confiding temper, influencing the pupils toward each other, and towards their teachers and governors, in a peculiar manner. It is the impress of its first Teacher, of his own kind and gentle spirit; and long may it endure as the guardian and protector of the Blind.

Mr. Friedlander was not negligent of the useful arts and occupations, so essential as a branch of instruction to the future welfare of the Blind. With great assiduity, he secured their instruction in Music, and guided their employment in a variety of mechanical occupations; and was always solicitous that each should acquire some art, that might prove available to support and benefit in after life.

Having been thus led and sustained to the accomplishment of his oringinal design, the foundation under the auspices and support of the benevolent in this city, of a well-organized and endowed Institution for the Blind, he was not long permitted to contemplate the work of his hands. A hopeless malady seized upon his feeble frame, defied the skill of his physicians and the action of the most genial climates. After a voyage, fruitless of benefit to his sinking body, he returned to the bosom of his adopted and cherished family at the Institution. Denied the intercourse of early friends and kindred, the most careful solicitude and attentions were not wanting in his declining hour. He lingered for a few days, his spirit greeted by grateful voices, and solaced by the sound of melodies which himself had tuned. On the 17th of March, 1839, he sank tranquilly to death, not unwept or unhonoured. less eyes shed tears of unbidden and ingenuous sorrow over a parent and a brother; and the benevolent of a philanthropic city, felt and acknowledged that a good spirit had departed.

Mr. Friedlander was a man of education, of courteous manners, of extensive reading, and of cultivated taste in let-

ters and the arts. All that he was and all that he possessed, he consecrated to a holy purpose.

In the centre of a spot in a neighbouring Cemetery, devoted as a burial place for the Institution for the Blind, there rises in simple and unornamented beauty, a lofty shaft, inscribed with the name of "FRIEDLANDER:" and as the stranger visits the spot, he will rejoice, that amidst the monuments that are commanded to rise in commemoration of wealth, of science, of social and of public merit, the humble but enlightened labours of the practical philanthropist are not forgotten: and if he should visit the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind, he will there witness in 1Ts efficiency and success, the more enduring monument, which is destined to embalm and perpetuate the memory of FRIEDLANDER.